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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR For:

PROVIDING AN IMPROVED

FINANCIAL DERIVATIVE

PRODUCT

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 16, 2006 OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

This Amendment is filed in reply to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 16, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application. The November 16, 2006 Office Action provided a period of 3 months in which to file a response, i.e., by February 16, 2007. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.